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For: DIVIDED ONE-DIMENSIONAL SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE, METHOD OF CONTROLLING ONE-DIMENSIONAL SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE, AND IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND METHOD USING THE SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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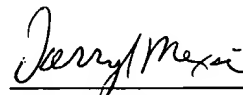
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37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. Regarding the concise explanation of relevancy requirement for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanation:

English language Abstracts of Japanese JP 05-08841 and JP 2000-006925 are submitted herewith.

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